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# City blows winter works budget

**Tax hikes.** Councillors say they have to consider an increase — and taxpayers may have to pay for it



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With the city now well over budget for snow and ice removal for a sixth straight year, some regional councillors are suggesting it could mean an increase in municipal taxes.

"It should come as no surprise to anybody that will be the conversation," said Coun. Steve Craig on Thursday.

"You can only cut so far, you can only manage so lean."

Big bills for staff overtime and equipment rentals linked to February's parade of snowstorms pushed the total spending on snow and ice removal to just over \$20

million as of Feb. 28.

HRM spokesperson Jennifer Stairs said that doesn't include any expenses incurred by grader rentals this month, or by the possible snowstorm this weekend.

"I think it's safe to say we're on track to spend at least as much as we did last year, which was in the range of \$24 million or so," she said.

Since the 2009-10 season, HRM has been over budget for snow and ice removal by anywhere from \$3 million to \$6 million.

The budget stepped up from just over \$12 million per year to \$15 million in 2012-13 and then to \$20 million in 2013-14.

Craig said that consistently underfunding a program like winter works is "foolishness," and suggested council would have to consider finding the money to bump the budget up again.

"The reality is, if you budget appropriately, then on the other side of the ledger

has to be the revenue to cover it," he said. "We can't get all the things we want and hold the tax rate or the level of tax burden forever."

Coun. Tim Outhit said that although regional council will have to start at least thinking about tough choices, given a slowdown in the city's growth, he's not ready to accept an increase in taxes just yet.

"It seems to me that public works is one of the areas we constantly cut back or freeze, yet it's survey after survey, call after call is what we hear is so important to our residents," he said.

"But ... I think we've got to also look at some equipment and technology and standards and this sort of thing."

### Debate and vote

Councillors are expected to debate and vote on the municipal budget on April 14.



## DOWN BUT NOT OUT

University of Calgary Dinos' Elgin Pearce looks up from underneath University of Guelph Gryphons' Scott Simmonds during a quarter-final game of the CIS men's hockey University Cup at the Scotiabank Centre on Thursday. The final will take place Sunday night. Coverage, page 29. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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# Province rejects calls for review of Burnside jail following assault

**Detention.** Opposition Tories want action, but justice minister says current plans to address issues are sufficient

Nova Scotia's justice minister has rejected calls from the Opposition for an independent review of the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside, after a 19-year-old inmate suffered life-threatening injuries during an assault.

Halifax police say the man from Lower Sackville, who was assaulted around 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, remains in hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Justice Minister Lena Metlege Diab says she received a letter from the Progressive Conservatives calling for an independent review, but she feels the government's current plans to improve the situation at the



The Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility will not be the subject of an independent review, Justice Minister Lena Metlege Diab, inset, has announced.  
JEFF HARPER/METRO; INSET: THE CANADIAN PRESS

jail are sufficient.

Diab says she's confident that measures are in place that

will address issues at the overcrowded jail in Halifax, which houses about 250 inmates.

She says some prisoners are being moved from the jail in stages to a new facility in

Pictou County, noting \$6.2 million was recently announced for renovations, which includes

## Details

Halifax Regional Police Const. Dianne Woodworth says charges are pending against a 20-year-old man from Halifax. She says a weapon was not used in the assault.

a redesign that will allow for around-the-clock supervision.

Diab says a new superintendent has been also been hired, new hiring practices have been instituted, and internal and criminal investigations are underway into the alleged assault.

"These concerns have been ongoing for years and years. It's not something that happened overnight," said Diab on Thursday.

"But we have a plan and we're planning to address and alleviate the pressures that are ongoing." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Accused in chemicals case to apply for bail

A bail hearing for a man accused of possessing volatile chemicals that led to evacuations in Halifax and Ottawa is scheduled for Friday.

Christopher Phillips, 42, was arrested in an Ottawa hotel on Jan. 21 after the building was evacuated.

He was later brought back to Halifax where he was charged with uttering threats and possession of a weapon — the chemical osmium tetroxide — for a dangerous purpose.



Christopher Phillips  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

Phillips owned in the coastal community of Grand Desert were filled with chemicals in various

states of degradation.

During a Feb. 5 court hearing, defence lawyer Mike Taylor said his client wasn't able to apply for bail because he didn't have a place to stay at that time.

Taylor said the accusation that Phillips threatened police was based on an email that was misconstrued and his client believes he had the chemicals for legitimate reasons.

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## Crime

### Bullets fired at vehicle

Police in Halifax are investigating after shots were fired at a parked vehicle.

Police say officers went to the area of Shepherd and Drummond roads in Spryfield after receiving a report of shots fired shortly after 10 p.m. Wednesday. They found a vehicle with two bullet holes.

Police say no one was hurt in the incident. Investigators say they have few other details

other than a report of two men seen fleeing the area.  
**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Report

### Mountie cleared in arrest of man who injured face

Nova Scotia's Serious Incident Response Team says the injuries sustained by a man who ran into a tree stump during an arrest last fall were not the fault of an RCMP officer.

In a report released Thurs-

day, the police watchdog says RCMP responded to a 911 call on Oct. 10 reporting a possible impaired driver who had threatened a man with a gun.

A police officer later followed a pickup truck into the driveway of a home in Lower East Chezzetcook, where the 23-year-old suspect jumped out and tried to flee.

The man headed into woods behind the home where he ran into an uprooted tree stump, hitting his face.

The man was knocked unconscious and he fractured the orbital bone near his left eye. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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# Dalhousie graduates turn down \$500,000 deal with a Dragon



From left: Daniel Bartek, Cam McDonald and Bobby Besant pitch their company, Sage Mixology, on an episode of CBC's Dragons' Den on Wednesday night. COURTESY CBC

**Business.** Two-in-one cocktail bottle design proved a hit on CBC show, but startup went its own direction



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What would you do if your business was offered \$500,000?

The answer probably wouldn't be to turn the money down, but that is exactly what Daniel Bartek, along with co-founders Cam McDonald and Bobby Besant, did on an episode of the CBC show Dragons' Den that aired Wednesday night.

The three pitched their company, Sage Mixology, which sells a unique two-in-one bottle design that separates booze from mix to give customers a bar-quality cocktail in the comfort of their own homes.

Audiences watched as

## Quoted

"Situations change quite quickly and quite rapidly in this business." Daniel Bartek

Dragon Arlene Dickinson offered the guys half a million dollars, plus a distillery licence, for 40 per cent ownership of the company.

What Canadians didn't see was the deliberation between the co-founders, who ultimately decided to reject the offer.

"It just wasn't the right time for us," Bartek, a graduate of Dalhousie University, said Thursday.

He said since last April, when the episode was taped, their product has had to overcome many challenges in order to be market-ready.

That's not surprising, he said, since the packaging is one-of-a-kind and isn't operating on any pre-existing standards or models.

Learning on the go has been the company's style since its early days as a busi-

ness startup dreamed up by Ontario natives Bartek and McDonald, who 2-1/2 years ago were students in the Norman Newman Centre for Entrepreneurship at Dalhousie.

"Being in a startup and growing so fast (that) at the time it didn't make that much sense for us," Bartek said of the rejected deal on Thursday. "Situations change quite quickly and quite rapidly in this business."

Although the guys left the Den with empty pockets, they didn't leave empty-handed.

Bartek said the company received that extra push it needed to take its product to the next level, and nearly a year later it's gearing up for a full launch on Ontario LCBO shelves in May.

"We learn from our mistakes," Bartek said.

## City 'a bit behind' on garbage removal in parks

Icy streets and sidewalks have been keeping city crews too busy to take out the trash.

Over the past week, warm temperatures have melted snow across the Halifax region and given residents a reason to enjoy the local parks.

City spokeswoman Tiffany Chase said in that time, calls about overflowing garbage

cans have been piling up.

Chase said part of the problem is that the same staff who have been working "extremely hard" to clear the streets and sidewalks are also responsible for emptying cans in parks and trails.

"We are a bit behind given the significant effort we've been putting forward on

snow and ice removal," she said Thursday.

During the spring and summer months, Chase said, there are usually eight people doing regular rounds to check on trash cans, but less time and fewer staff are needed for garbage duty in the winter when the parks aren't as busy.

Coun. Matt Whitman says

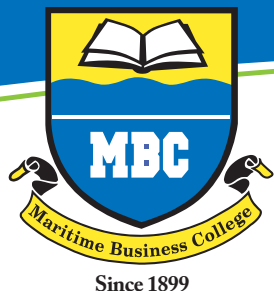
he has spotted a few garbage cans, including one at Long Lake, with litter spilling out over the top and onto the ground. But Whitman said he was pleased to see staff respond the same day he reported the mess. However, until the cans are cleaned up, he said, residents shouldn't be adding to the issue.

With snow and ice removal hopefully winding down soon, Chase said the city is refocusing staff efforts on cleaning up the cans. She said reporting one through 311 is good, but sending in an on-line form is better, since the call service is backlogged with weather issues.

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A trash can overflows at Long Lake Park. COURTESY MATT WHITMAN



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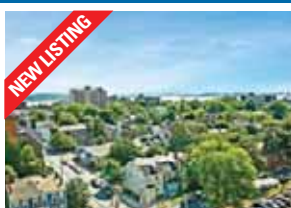
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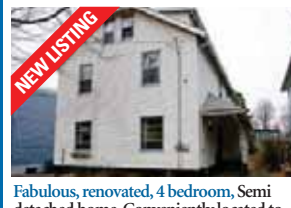
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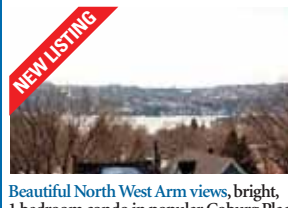
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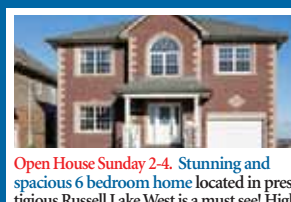
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## Fish. Cold-water deaths not preventable: Minister

The deaths of salmon and trout at three aquaculture sites in Nova Scotia, following extreme cold weather, is a rare event that couldn't have been prevented, the province's fisheries minister said Thursday.

The provincial government said coastal waters typically remain above freezing during the winter, but every five to seven years, cold air can cause shallow ocean water to drop below -0.7 C, the temperature at which fish blood freezes.

The government says that in two cases, net pens were damaged and dead fish were released, but the nets have since been repaired and there is no evidence that live fish escaped.

Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Keith Colwell said it's still not known exactly how many fish have died, but the dead fish have been removed and properly dis-

### Locations

The three sites, operated by New Brunswick's Cooke Aquaculture, are at Shelburne Harbour, Jordan Bay and Port Wade.

posed of. He said at least one pen suffered a total loss.

Colwell said the rare act of nature is unfortunate and the department will continue to monitor the situation.

"This is a very unusual case and it's not something we expect to repeat itself in the future," said Colwell.

"There's really nothing the company could have done or we could have done to prevent this. It's just a weather condition."

Colwell said the extreme cold also killed wild mackerel in Bras d'Or Lake in Cape Breton. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Governance. Nova Scotia to keep its villages as is

Nova Scotia's villages won't be forced to dissolve or amalgamate by the provincial government.

Municipal Affairs Minister Mark Furey says the province would rather work with municipalities and villages in finding sustainable solutions for their governance structure.

Furey says the decision follows a meeting this week with representatives of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages to discuss a draft fiscal review report that was released last fall.

The report said incorporated villages should be phased out, while existing villages

### Recommendations

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The report made 41 recommendations in all.

should be given the opportunity to apply for town status, merge with an adjacent town or dissolve into their encompassing rural municipality as they see fit.

A steering committee composed of elected municipal officials and deputy ministers is analyzing feedback from consultations before submitting a final report to the province.

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Access Nova Scotia in Bayers Lake. The minister for Service Nova Scotia says the government hopes to refocus on its "core business." JEFF HARPER/METRO

# N.S. mulls privatizing service-centre tasks

## Service Nova Scotia.

Minister promises the rights of employees will be protected

### Quoted

"Where there's an opportunity to separate ourselves from those areas of work that aren't core, we have to look at those as options and opportunities for governments to provide a more efficient service."

Mark Furey, minister of Service Nova Scotia

The government is discussing privatizing some of the work done by Service Nova Scotia, but the minister responsible for the service centres says no decisions have been made and nothing will happen this year.

The Nova Scotia government has met with officials from other provinces that have taken the step, Mark Furey said Thursday after cabinet.

He said he has also met with a number of private-sector companies interested in taking on the work.

Service Nova Scotia has offices across the province that offer everything from driver's licence renewals to debt counselling, but Furey mentioned the land, motor-vehicle and

joint-stock registries only as possible areas for privatization.

"These are areas where other provinces have explored alternative service delivery and have been very effective," he said.

Furey said privatization could save money and allow

the government to focus on core departments, such as health care and education.

"The focus is for government to restructure and get back to our core business," said Furey.

The rights and benefits of public employees would not be compromised, and some other provinces were able to retain all employees after privatizing services, Furey said.

"The employees are paramount and I personally would not advance any model of alternative service delivery where we compromise the rights and benefits of employees," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# 'Fantastic' first step by Mounties

## Mental health.

RCMP looking into better data tracking and communication



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Halifax RCMP are looking into how they can better respond to mental health events, a move one advocate calls a "fantastic" first step.

At a Board of Police Commissioners meeting this week, Chief Supt. Roland Wells of the Halifax District RCMP said he's struck a working group to investigate ways of better sharing information between dispatchers and officers when a mental health call comes in, and helping people with those issues when they encounter police.

"Sometimes the mental health challenge gets translated into criminalization, and we don't want that.



The RCMP in Halifax are being praised for taking proactive steps in mental health cases. JEFF HARPER/METRO

That's not best thing for society," Wells said Monday after the meeting.

Wells said there were 653 mental health events in the RCMP district from February 2013 to February 2015. Forty-four per cent of those happened in Sackville.

After seeing those figures, he decided it was important to look into how many resources were being used through hospital wait times and whether there were better ways to save money and help residents.

For example, Wells said,

better data-tracking could alert police to individuals who have had multiple mental health events in a year. Then, police and other professionals could meet the person between events to discuss interventions with them, and the best person to

call when in crisis.

That way, Wells said, when a call comes in the dispatcher would see the file attached to the address and pass along that knowledge to the responding officer, or send one with whom the resident has a good relationship.

## Quoted

**"We think there's got to be a better way."**

{Halifax RCMP Chief Supt. Roland Wells, says that all too often mental health challenges become criminalization.

"We can mitigate all of those risks and we can make sure that that person doesn't become a victim," Wells said.

Bev Cadham of the Among Friends Social Club, part of the Canadian Mental Health Association's Halifax-Dartmouth branch, said Monday the more police educate themselves about mental health and move towards analyzing situations instead of just reacting, "the better."

"This is great if they're moving forward on this and they've actually started to engage in conversation," Cadham said. "That's fantastic that they're taking that first step. It's hopeful."

After looking at national and international practices, Wells said the group is due to report its findings in May.





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Roy Morrison has received his service medals after waiting in limbo for 70 years. TRURO DAILY NEWS

# Wait finally over for war veteran, 91

**Military.** RCAF buddy helps former bomber receive service medals — 70 years late

It's taken 70 years but Roy Morrison's long-awaited war medals are now in hand.

"Finally," the 91-year-old Truro Heights resident said of his reaction when the five medals he earned as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War arrived in the mail.

"The kids were all very excited when I got them," he said of his four grown children. "They all wanted to see them, touch them, feel them."

Morrison, who grew up in Greenfield, attempted to enlist in the air force at age 17, although he had to wait until he turned 18 before being accepted.

"I aspired to be a pilot. So I signed up to be a pilot," he said. "I flew an airplane before I ever drove a car."

Although he made it through elementary stages of flight training, Morrison never received his wings and was instead reassigned to tail gunner duties. By the fall of 1943, Morrison shipped off to England where he was assigned to the Royal Air Force Bomber Com-

mand #90 Squadron.

In all, Morrison flew with his crew on 35 successful bombing missions over Germany, beginning with his first on Nov. 15, 1943 and his last one on April 9, 1945. And, for each of those 35 flights — some of which saw enemy flak penetrating the fuselage of his plane — Morrison worried it would be his last.

He did return home safely, however, married and raised a family in Upper Onslow, where he lived for 37 years while working in the home heating business.

Unlike many of his comrades, however, Warrant Officer James Roy Morrison never received any official recognition of his service, despite knowing that he had been awarded a number of medals.

After inquiring about the issue with Veterans Affairs once during the 1950s and not getting a response, Morrison quietly went on with his life.

Early last November, while meeting for his daily lunch session with four buddies, one of the group — Harvey Coll, also an RCAF veteran — inquired whether Morrison would be taking part in the Remembrance Day parade. "I just don't do that kind of thing anymore," Coll recounted of Morrison's response.

At some point the conversation got around to medals and Morrison mentioned that his had never come through.

With Morrison's blessing, Coll made some inquiries with Veterans Affairs and approximately three weeks ago, the five medals finally arrived.

**Quoted**

"Everybody wears (the medals) with pride.... He didn't have any."

Harvey Coll, referring to Roy Morrison

TRURO DAILY NEWS

# 'I am truly sorry,' man tells victims

A Sydney man sentenced to a federal prison term on sex offences thanked his victims Thursday for coming forward.

"I am truly sorry for what I did and I am glad you guys stepped forward," said 51-year-old Clarence William Mollons, before he was sentenced to a two-year jail term.

In addressing the court, Mollons said he had hated himself since the age of eight

but that now he wants to begin a new life and get the help he needs to stop the cycle of sexual abuse.

The Supreme Court sentencing hearing was told that Mollons himself was a victim of child sexual abuse and endured physical abuse while growing up.

"I didn't mean to do it. It was wrong. No matter what I say, it will not make it go away," he said.

**Quoted**

"No matter what I say, it will not make it go away."

Clarence William Mollons

He was sentenced after pleading guilty to charges of indecent assault involving a male victim along with sexual exploitation and sexual

interference involving a female victim. The offences occurred in Sydney over a period from 1976 to 1997.

While the male victim declined to file victim impact statement, the female victim spoke directly about the pain and anguish she's experienced throughout her life as a result of the abuse suffered between the ages of eight and 13. She is now 29.

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# Five homeless, but unhurt, following fire

**North Sydney.** Red Cross helping family, including two young children, after their house was destroyed



The house after Wednesday's blaze.  
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Five people escaped unhurt but lost their home and most belongings in a fire Wednesday night in North Sydney.

Disaster volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross arranged emergency lodging, food, clothing and other aid for a couple with two young children, and a male relative who rented a basement apartment. The house located at 88 Pleasant St. was extensively damaged.

It was the second significant fire this week in the Cape Breton community where the Red Cross provid-

ed help. A blaze early Saturday displaced a woman in her 80s and her two sons from a small house at 28 Emerald St.

Firefighters in nearby Sydney also dealt with a residential blaze Wednesday. It damaged several rooms of a house containing upper and lower apartments on George Street.

There was no one home at the time in the apartment where the fire was contained. Tenants in lower units reported the fire after smelling smoke. **CAPE BRETON POST**



## Downed wires temporarily shut down road

Nova Scotia Power crews fix a broken line on Devonshire Avenue on Thursday after a transport truck ran into it. The road was closed for nearly an hour while crews repaired the damage. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

### Cumberland County

## Court upholds decision against family physician

A family physician, accused of conducting an inappropriate examination on a female patient, has lost his appeal.

Dr. Oluwarotimi Fashoranti challenged the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia and the provincial attorney general's decision to professionally discipline the family doctor, after concluding Fashoranti had performed an unnecessary breast examination.

Fashoranti argued the committee's reasons for siding with the woman's version of the events as being more credible was insufficient, while the college contested Fashoranti's evidence was "self-serving and at times evasive."

The court dismissed the appeal of the September 2013 decision on Wednesday without costs.

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# Stellarton hen runs loose at NSCC, lays egg after capture

**Eggcellent catch.** Campus security and student chase hen around school parking lot before they finally catch and care for it

Which came first — the chicken or the egg?

In Stellarton on Thursday, it was the chicken.

Nova Scotia Community College commissioner Stewart Petitpas and a student spotted a hen in the NSCC parking lot of the around 8 a.m. They gave chase for a while before apprehending the bird.

"We were scared she would get hit or cause an accident," said Petitpas.

"He chased her between two cars and, when she came toward me, she tried to fly and then landed on a car. That's when I caught her."

Some people first thought it was a rabbit or a rooster, and others reported being scared.

Student Cassidy Mason said she saw the hen when she was dropped off at school in the morning. Because she has what she calls "bird phobia," she went inside the school and watched from the window as they tried to catch the hen.

"I laughed my butt off. She was trying to run away so fast. It was really cute," she said.

After the rust-coloured hen was caught, Petitpas placed her in a cardboard box and gave her some food and water.

"She loves oatmeal," he said. "She was really hungry. I got her some food and water to make her feel comfortable. She seems pretty content."

And then came the egg.

"She was making a funny noise. There were two students here looking at her and when she stood up, the egg



NSCC commissioner Stewart Petitpas with the hen, which was later claimed by a student. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

was sitting there," Petitpas said.

She laid the brown egg around lunchtime, and he

took it into the staff room to show faculty members.

"At first nobody would believe me," he said, adding that

## Runaway hen

The hen was claimed later on Thursday by its owner, a student on campus. Somehow the hen had followed the student to school earlier in the day.

staff members thought he was trying to play a joke on them.

"When she laid it, I showed people and then put it back."

In the course of a normal day, Petitpas doesn't usually have too many visitors to his office in the basement of the school. On Thursday, however, a steady stream of curious students and teachers were stopping by to see the unusual guest.

"She's a very popular chicken," he said. "You wouldn't believe the students coming in and all taking pictures and putting them on Facebook."

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

## WWE stars return to Halifax in May for live house show

Professional wrestling organization World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) has announced it will be returning to Halifax.

Ticketpro announced on Thursday that a WWE house show is scheduled to take place at the Halifax Forum on Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

No matches have been announced for the evening's card, but stars such as Roman Reigns, Seth Rollins, Bad News Barrett and Dolph Ziggler have been advertised as stepping into the ring.

Tickets are going on sale Saturday at 10 a.m. and range in price from \$15 to \$95, plus taxes and fees.

The WWE show in Halifax will be the first in the city in more than four years.

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## Hockey Canada celebrates 100 years with tour

Allan MacDonald checks out a U.S. vs. Canada table hockey game that was part of the Hockey Canada Century Tour caravan. The Caravan, which includes hockey memorabilia and interactive displays, will be set up until Sunday in Grande Parade. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Dartmouth

### Drug charges laid after traffic stop

Halifax Regional Police have charged a Truro man and Quebec woman with drug possession after their vehicle was pulled over at a traffic stop on Thursday.

Police say officers con-

ducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of Windmill Road in Dartmouth after they spotted a vehicle speed through a stop sign on Thursday around 1:30 a.m.

A male driver and female passenger were arrested at the scene and police seized a quantity of marijuana and crack cocaine.

Police have since charged

Matthew Frank Murray, 27, of Truro and Alexandra Maude Roy, 21, of Sainte-Hypolite, Que., with possession of marijuana and cocaine. Murray was also charged with two additional counts of breach of a recognizance.

The pair remained in custody overnight and appeared in court in the morning.

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# Harper playing with fire: Critics

**Quebec.** Tensions brewing between Conservatives and Muslim community

Whether it is to realign Canadian values in an age of terror, or simply to win votes, critics warn that Prime Minister Stephen Harper could be taking the country along a turbulent course with his broadside against the niqab and stricter strains of the Muslim faith.

Look far enough along that path and you will see the province of Quebec, whose struggle with the faith has been going on for years and is nowhere near finished.

In Herouville, Que., a cheeky town council decided in 2007 to outlaw face coverings in public (except for Halloween, of course). That led to a multi-million-dollar commission on religious accommodation. A political proposal to ban the wearing of religious symbols failed to pass into law, but not before reports came in of mounting aggression and abuse against veiled women. Now, Muslim communities across Quebec are reporting that there is suddenly no room and no appetite when they are seeking permission to open places of worship.

"It's as if it's OK today to be a Muslim in our society as long as we're invisible," said Haroun Bouazzi, co-president of the Quebec Association of Muslims and Arabs for a Secular Society.

## Cultural divide

A Leger marketing poll last month highlights concerns:

- **80 per cent:** The number of Quebecers who have reported being worried about religious fundamentalism
- **74 per cent:** The amount of people who support Harper's anti-terrorism legislation
- **73 per cent:** The amount of people who've reported terrorism fears
- **62 per cent:** The amount of people who back the bombing campaign against ISIL

The Harper government's decision to appeal a court ruling allowing a Muslim woman to wear a niqab (an Islamic face covering with openings only for a woman's eyes) while taking the oath of citizenship, was one federal step in the province's path. But the prime minister's assertion that the niqab is the product of a culture that is "anti-women," seems like an administration doubling down in preparation for an election.

It's been tried before by the Parti Québécois government. The PQ found spirited support for a legally dubious ban on the wearing of religious symbols by judges, bureaucrats, university professors and even daycare employees, only to have their gains undermined



Nariman Eldoraini gives a thumbs up as she checks her hijab in a mirror during a gathering in Montreal on Sunday, January 12, 2014, to oppose the proposed Quebec Values Charter. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

in last year's provincial election by a jumbled stance on how to achieve Quebec's independence.

"It's true, the niqab is anti-woman. We have to say it clearly and stop beating around the bush out of fear of upsetting people," Bernard Drainville, the architect of the PQ Values Charter who is now running for the party's leadership, told Radio-Canada Thursday.

Drainville made pains to

note that he was aligned with his party's federal cousins, the Bloc Québécois, rather than with the Conservatives. But so strident was he in his denunciation of Harper's main political threats, NDP leader Thomas Mulcair and Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, that it was the effect rather than the intention that mattered most.

"I listen to Mulcair and Trudeau and I say to myself that it's the ideology of multicultural-

ism pushed to the extreme. They're not even able to say that the niqab is anti-woman, that it's an obvious sign of fundamentalism. I can't believe it," Drainville said.

Clues come from a September 2013 study of the values charter by the polling firm CROP. It found strongest support for the PQ values charter among the old stock francophone Quebecers who live in the rural regions, cling

to their Catholic heritage and overwhelmingly believe that immigrants are washing over their land and their way of life.

In other words, it was red meat for the more conservative elements of Quebec society — just the types Harper's Tories already represent in the five provincial ridings they currently hold and that they will be targeting in the general election to be called later this year. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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# Whale crashing into boat in Mexico kills Calgary woman

**Cabo San Lucas.** Jen Karren was killed after a grey whale caused boat captain to make a 'sudden manoeuvre'



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Metro in Calgary

A Calgary woman killed Wednesday off the coast of Cabo San Lucas in Mexico after a grey whale crashed into a tourist boat has been identified as Jen Karren.

Cabo Adventure, the company behind the Snorkel & Sea Adventure tour that Karren was on, said the 35-year-old woman was killed after a whale broke the water's surface, causing the boat's captain to make a "sudden manoeuvre" on Wednesday morning.

An official with the One World Hospital by Saint Luke's in Cabo San Lucas confirmed

the identity of the woman to Metro on Thursday afternoon.

According to her Facebook page, Karren was an employee in the mailroom of Worley Parsons Ltd., an international construction consulting firm working in the energy and resource sector.

A statement from Cabo Adventures explained the boat was travelling from Santa Maria and the incident occurred around the Hotel Fiesta Americana.

"The whale hit the boat on one side, which caused two passengers to be hurt and unfortunately the death of one passenger," said Felipe Diez-Canedo, general director of Cabo Adventures.

It's believed the force of the impact with the whale sent the victim into the water. A guide on the ship and another passenger jumped in to rescue her, and a second passenger, a nurse, performed CPR aboard the ship.

"On arrival to the marina,



Jen Karren receives CPR aboard a small boat. Karren was injured after a grey whale hit the boat she was on, near a beach resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

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the paramedics took the passenger to a private hospital where, unfortunately, (she) passed away," Diez-Canedo said.

One of the other two injured passengers has since been released from hospital, and a second was due to be released Thursday evening.

Foreign Affairs issued a statement to Metro early Thursday.

"Our thoughts are with the family and friends of a Canadian citizen who passed away in Mexico. Canadian consular officials in Cabo San Lucas are providing consular assistance to the family in this difficult time," spokesman John Babcock said in an email.

It's believed 24 people were on the tourist boat at the time of the incident.

## Rail

### Cargo spills as Manitoba train derailed

Canadian National Railway says a tar-like hydrocarbon spilled when 13 cars in an eastbound freight derailed in southern Manitoba. The accident happened around 7 p.m. Wednesday near the small community of Gregg, east of Brandon.

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### Transport Canada proposes tougher safety standard

Proposed new federal regulations will give shippers until 2025 to upgrade rail tank cars to a higher safety standard, a transition that would come almost 30 years after serious deficiencies in the fleet were first identified — and as oil-by-rail accidents continue to pile up. The safety upgrade would build on standards adopted by the industry in 2011 and require shippers to make tank cars more resistant to punctures and valve failures in the case of derailment.

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## 12-year term sought for accused Canadian teacher

Indonesian prosecutors are seeking 12-year jail terms for a Canadian teacher and an Indonesian teaching assistant accused of sexually abusing three young children at a prestigious international school.

Neil Bantleman, of Burlington, Ont., and Ferdinand Tjong, who were arrested in July, say they are innocent, as do a number of fellow teachers and the principal at the Jakarta International School.

They are being tried on charges of violating the Child

Protection Law, which provides a maximum penalty of 15 years in jail.

Prosecutors told reporters after a hearing Thursday that the heavy sentences are being sought because as teachers they had traumatized the victims.

"As teachers they have to set a good example, instead of committing deeds that cause trauma to the students that takes a long time to treat," prosecutor Ade Rohimah said.

A verdict is expected April 2.

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## Critics fear new anti-terror bill will tread on rights

The federal government's assurances that its anti-terrorism bill will not be a licence to spy on activists have done little to calm the fears of aboriginal leaders, environmentalists and human-rights advocates.

Several critics said Thursday they have reason to believe the legislation would be used to step up surveillance of protesters opposed to petroleum projects and other resource developments.

"We don't want to be labelled as terrorists in our own territories, our own homelands,

for standing up to protect the land and waters," Assembly of First Nations national chief Perry Bellegarde told the House of Commons public-safety committee.

Bellegarde indicated the bill would be challenged in the courts, saying the federal government did not fulfil its duty to consult Aboriginal Peoples.

The committee plans to hear more than 50 witnesses on the bill, introduced in response to extremist-inspired attacks that killed two Canadian soldiers last October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Washington. Secret Service agents under investigation

The U.S. Homeland Security Department is investigating two senior Secret Service agents accused of crashing a car into a White House security barrier, an agency spokesman says.

Secret Service spokesman Robert Hoback said Wednesday that recently appointed Director Joseph Clancy has been briefed on the March 4 incident. Clancy has asked the department's internal investigator to look into the incident.

The crash investigation is the latest embarrassment for

### Intelligence

Incidents of drunken behaviour have plagued the agency since at least April 2012, when more than a dozen agents and officers were caught up in a prostitution scandal in advance of a presidential visit to Cartagena, Colombia.

the agency tasked with protecting the president.

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### Boko Haram

## UN considers African support

Members of the UN Security Council are proposing that the international community supply money, equipment, troops and intelligence to a five-nation African force fighting Boko Haram.

African countries have put together the largest international effort yet to defeat Boko Haram after Nigeria's war against the Islamic extremists spilled beyond its borders. Alarm rose when Boko Haram over the weekend announced its allegiance to the Islamic State extremist group operating in Iraq and Syria.

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# Pope celebrates second anniversary in office



Pope Francis waves to faithful as he arrives on the occasion of an audience with participants to the course promoted by the Penitentiary Apostolic Tribunal, in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Thursday.

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### Vatican City.

Francis's reforms popular worldwide; traditionalists less thrilled

Pope Francis marks his second anniversary Friday riding a wave of popularity that has reinvigorated the Catholic Church in ways not seen since the days of St. John Paul II. He's also entering a challenging third year, facing dissent from within on everything from financial reform to family issues.

Is the honeymoon over?

According to the Pew Research Center, not by a long shot, at least as far as ordinary faithful are concerned: Nine out of 10 U.S. Catholics have a favourable view of Francis, including six in 10 who have a "very favourable" view. Those

are rankings not seen since John Paul's rock star days. And they trump the favourability ratings for Pope Benedict XVI even among more orthodox, church-going Catholics.

"Two years after his election, Francis has made the face of the papacy irreversible," Italian Vatican analyst Marco Politi wrote recently. "Returning to a doctrinaire, absolute monarch, icon-pope will never be possible, without a dramatic loss in contact with contemporary society, believers and non-believers alike."

Yet opposition abounds, most vocally among commentators but also some cardinals and bishops: Traditionalist Catholics have been joined by more mainstream conservatives who cringe at his mercy-over-morals priorities and apparent willingness to entertain pastoral approaches that might not follow Rome's rulebook.

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## Health rumours abound amid Putin disappearance

Speculation is swirling in Russia about the state of Vladimir Putin's health, as an unusual spell outside the public eye fuels the rumour mill. On Thursday, the Russian president's spokesman sought to quash such talk, saying in an interview that Putin's health is "really perfect."

Dmitry Peskov told The Associated Press that Putin has

a busy agenda in the coming days, including some international meetings. He said that next week the president is set to make a trip to Kazakhstan, which had been planned for this week but abruptly postponed.

The 62-year old Russian leader was last seen in public on March 5, when he hosted Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi before falling out

of sight for a week — a highly unusual absence. The Kremlin insisted that the president had a few other official meetings in the following days, but some Russian media contested that and claimed they had actually taken place earlier.

Peskov rejected the allegations, and insisted that the Russian leader was keeping his usual busy schedule.

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# Two Ferguson officers shot; groups try to quell tensions

**Missouri.** Bloodshed threatened to inflame the already fraught relationship between police and protesters

With measured remarks and a conciliatory tone, police, political leaders and civil-rights activists on Thursday sought to tamp down tensions after two police officers were shot in front of the Ferguson Police Department during a protest.

The officers were quickly released from the hospital, but St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said they could have easily been killed and called the attack "an ambush." Meanwhile, people were taken in for questioning after a SWAT team converged on a Ferguson home near the shooting site. Police did not immediately offer details.

The shootings marked the first time in eight months of tension in Ferguson that of-

ficers were shot at a protest, and the bloodshed threatened to inflame the already fraught relationship between police and protesters just as the city seeks reforms in the wake of a withering Justice Department report on its law-enforcement practices.

The attack resonated all the way to Washington. President Barack Obama took to Twitter to relay his prayers to the officers and to denounce violence against police as unacceptable. "Path to justice is one all of us must travel together," Obama wrote, signing the tweet with his initials to indicate the president personally composed it.

Attorney General Eric Holder called the shooting "inexcusable and repugnant."

The shots were fired early Thursday just as a small crowd of protesters began to break up after a demonstration that unfolded hours after the resignation of Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson.

The shots were believed to



A police officer walks toward the Ferguson Police Department Thursday.  
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come from a handgun fired across the street from the police department, which has been a national focal point since the

Aug. 9 shooting death of Michael Brown, who was black and unarmed, by a white police officer. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Atlanta. Residents call for police accountability

Residents in the Atlanta area are adding their voices to a nationwide chorus of calls for increased police accountability after an unarmed, naked man was fatally shot by an officer responding to a complaint of a suspicious person at an apartment complex.

More than 100 protesters gathered in the city of Decatur on Wednesday night to protest the death of Anthony Hill, 27. Most said they hoped the latest shooting would become part of an ongoing national discussion on how

police officers interact with citizens, especially minorities.

The relationship between law enforcement and civilians — particularly in poor, minority and high-crime neighbourhoods — has become a contentious issue in many states across the U.S. following the high-profile deaths of unarmed men and teens by police officers, some of whom have been exonerated of wrongdoing after saying they perceived the men and teens they shot as threats. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Shooting

## Report forthcoming

Wisconsin's attorney general says a report on the shooting of an unarmed 19-year-old man by a Madison police officer should be sent to a prosecutor in about two weeks. Attorney General Brad Schimel is updating the

investigation into the death of Tony Robinson. Robinson, a biracial man, was shot and killed by a white officer Friday night after police said Robinson assaulted the officer. Schimel is encouraging the public to be patient before judging what happened. He says he appreciates that Robinson's family has urged that protests be peaceful.

# Bangladesh factory roof collapse traps dozens

The roof of a five-storey cement factory under construction in Bangladesh collapsed Thursday, killing at least four workers and trapping many others, an official said.

About 150 workers were on duty when the collapse occurred in Mongla in Bagerhat district, fire official Mizanur Rahman said.

He said at least 40 people were rescued from under the debris and up to 40 others were feared trapped. Many of the survivors were hospit-

alized with injuries, Rahman said.

The cause of the collapse was still under investigation.

Survivors said 50 to 60 people were working on the roof while others were on the ground floor when the collapse occurred, said local government administrator M. Jahangir Alam.

It was not clear how many were directly affected by the collapse.

The seaside factory, about 135 kilometres southwest of

Dhaka, is owned by an army welfare organization, the United News of Bangladesh news agency reported.

In April 2013, a building housing garment factories collapsed in Dhaka, killing more than 1,100 people.

Engineering surveys show that many Bangladesh factories violate building codes by using substandard materials or adding extra floors that the building foundations can't support.

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### Flight 370

## Malaysia vows stern action if air traffic controller was sleeping

Malaysia's transport minister on Thursday vowed to take stern action against an air traffic control supervisor if it is confirmed that he was asleep on the job when Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared a year ago.

An interim investigation report last Sunday

contained transcripts of conversations between air traffic controllers and the airline that revealed confusion after the Boeing 777 dropped off radar with 239 people aboard while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

The last voice contact was a "good night" message from the cockpit to the controllers at 1:19 a.m. on March 8. The shutdown of the transponder one minute later removed the plane's identification from commercial radar. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Moscow

## Nemtsov murder steeped in mystery

The slaying of opposition leader Boris Nemtsov has been described as "the most significant political murder in recent Russian history." As investigators home in on five suspects, dozens of versions of what motivated the killers have circulated across Russian media and the country's notoriously conspiratorial blogosphere.

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# CRTC shakes up Canadian content on TV

**Content.** Regulator hopes changes will lead to higher quality Canadian programming

Canadian broadcasters will have less-stringent Canadian content requirements, but be required to fund higher-quality homegrown productions as a result of the findings of the CRTC's Let Talk TV public hearings.

Jean-Pierre Blais, chairman of the CRTC, outlined changes intended to develop better Canadian programming Thursday in Ottawa.

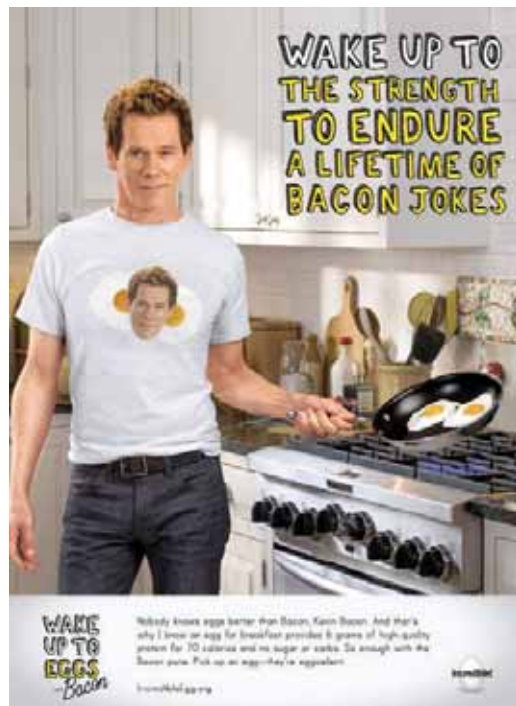
Canadian content restrictions will be relaxed, except in the prime-time viewing window (6 to 11 p.m.). Specialty channels will have to show 35 per cent Canadian programming throughout

their schedules, and some local stations will not have to have any CanCon in non-prime time viewing time slots.

Specialty channels like HGTV, Space and MTV Canada which have had genre protection to limit competition — but also license requirements that limited what kind of content they could show — will see those restrictions lifted.

All Canadian broadcasters will have to invest in homegrown production, and there are changes to productions being labelled Canadian content. One pilot project will encourage adaptations of Canadian novels, and another will focus on series with a \$2 million budget per hour, but both will require a Canadian screenwriter, leading actor or production company to qualify as Canadian content.

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## Egg industry orders Bacon

The American Egg Board is launching a series of online ads featuring Footloose actor Kevin Bacon, seen in a print ad, with plenty of puns on his last name. The campaign, which includes magazine ads, comes as a protein craze in the U.S. is helping fuel sales after decades of declining consumption. COURTESY AMERICAN EGG BOARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Apple Watch

## Chinese makers roll out look-alikes

A month before Apple Inc.'s smartwatch is out, China's thriving copycat manufacturers are selling look-alikes, some openly advertised as Apple copies,

on Alibaba Group's Taobao e-commerce website. Prices start at 288 yuan (\$45 US), one-eighth the \$349 US price of the cheapest Apple Watch. Most vendors said they were compatible with Apple's iOS or Google's Android operating system.

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### Market Minute



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## France. Yogurt cartel fined for fixing prices

Frantic text messages between French CEOs about cottage cheese prices; clandestine smoke breaks in a Left Bank apartment to collude on yogurt strategy: A ruling Thursday by France's competition authority makes for rich reading.

It details a web of secret meetings, handwritten charts and phone exchanges over six years to fix prices on many of the yogurt-related goods on French supermarket shelves.

Eleven companies were hit with 192 million euros (about \$258 million) in fines for the cartel, including Yoplait and Lactalis and makers of most of the store-brand yogurt sold

around France.

The cartel was uncovered thanks to a special procedure that allows companies to report their own price-fixing activity to regulators in exchange for reduced punishment. Yoplait, majority-owned by U.S.-based General Mills Inc., was the first company to report the activity, and was given no fines.

Company bosses sketched out secret deals in hotel rooms and on special phone lines to avoid detection.

The ruling found that the companies agreed on how and when to raise prices from 2006 to 2012, and divided up volumes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## App. Teen creates modern take on relaxation tapes

Abdou Sarr, who turned 17 just last month, may soon become the richest teenager in Ottawa.

The Ottawa high school student's modern take on relaxation tapes has quickly become one of the bestselling mobile apps on iTunes.

Celestial, the app designed by Sarr, shows panoramic views of calming settings such as ocean beaches with matching sounds. Users can select through different modes to help them sleep, relax or focus.

Launched last Sunday, Celestial has already become one of the top 10 paid apps on the iTunes charts and reached

No. 1 on the health chart.

Each Celestial download costs \$1.19, Apple pockets 30 cents of that but Sarr gets to keep the rest for himself. He has yet to see the financial payoff but considering the rising popularity of his app, it could be pretty significant.

The idea for Celestial came when Sarr noticed his classmates were having trouble concentrating in school due to stress. He started developing the app when he was 14. He would have started when he was 13 but he didn't own a Mac yet. "I taught myself how to do it, he said. "It was all trial and error."

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5. COLE HARBOUR ROAD	CALDWELL ROAD TO ROSS ROAD
6. COW BAY ROAD	MAIN ROAD TO CALDWELL ROAD
7. DUKE STREET	ROCKY LAKE DRIVE TO HIGHWAY 102
8. MAIN ROAD	BELMONT AVENUE TO COW BAY ROAD
9. ESTATES ROAD	GLENDALE AVE SOUTHERLY TO END OF PAVEMENT
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11. GLENDALE AVENUE	COBESQUID ROAD TO HIGHWAY 102
12. HAMMOND'S PLAINS RD.	KEARNEY LAKE ROAD TO HIGHWAY 103
13. LAKE MAJOR ROAD	IN TOTAL
14. LUCASVILLE ROAD	SACKVILLE DRIVE TO HEFLER'S MILL
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16. SACKVILLE DRIVE	HIGHWAY 102 TO PATTON ROAD IN UPPER SACKVILLE
17. ST. MARGARET'S BAY RD.	PROSPECT ROAD TO HIGHWAY 103, EXIT 4 IN TIMBERLEA
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## VOICES

# WE NEED TO STOP ABSORBING THIS COST



**THE KOHLER REPORT**

By Rebecca Kohler

When I was in university, I used to steal from people.

Before you call the cops, it wasn't anything crazy; no laptops or jewelry, liquor or cash. No, when I was in university, I used to steal tampons from people's bathrooms. If I was at a party or a friend's house, I'd inspect their feminine product supply and if it was robust, I'd take a few and put them in my purse. I wasn't a kleptomaniac or a bad person, I was just a woman who was broke and bleeding.

Feminine products are an essential part of living in modern-day society. They're expensive to begin with; why are we taxed on them, too?

Before I lose half my audience, let me put this in universal terms: Did you know that you're paying tax every time you go to the bathroom? Eww, what? Yes, because toilet paper is taxed, so

with each wipe (remember, front to back) the government gets richer.

If you agree that that's gross and unfair, would you also agree it's unfair that people who menstruate pay a tax on tampons and all other feminine products? Every time we shed the stuff that lines our uterine walls, the government further lines its pockets. Talk about blood money!

There's a petition at Change.org, "Government of Canada — No Tax on Tampons" that's trying to put a stop to this, and you should sign it. Now, before you say, "This isn't my problem because I have a penis," stop and think about how you came to be on Earth. Did a stork bring you here? Were you deposited on the shores via giant shell like Venus?

If the answer to both of those questions is 'No,' then I'm sorry, but this IS your problem because that means you came from a womb.

Once a month, the female reproductive system does something that's integral to keeping the human race on Earth and we're taxed on it.



### Tampon tax

**Feminine products are already expensive; putting a tax on them adds insult to what kind of looks like an injury.**

The petition estimates that Canadians paid the government more than \$36 million in tax on tampons. This is a cost we shouldn't be willing to absorb.

Canadians don't pay tax on everything. For instance, some foods and medical supplies are tax exempt, while luxury and cosmetic items are not. Sounds good on paper, but when you break it down, priorities start looking crooked. According to the federal government's Excise Tax Act, schedule VI, feminine products fall under the "cosmetic" category while cocktail cherries fall under "food." Okay, while it's true that cocktail cherries are edible, are they really crucial to human existence? In fact, aren't they just a "cosmetic" addition to a piña colada?

Moreover, if tampons are a "cosmetic" item, who does that serve? I guess tampons

could be considered cosmetic in that they kind of cover up a woman's period.

That's nice for women, but it (also) makes life cleaner and less bloody for men, too.

How would our boyfriends/husbands like it if "the rag" wasn't just an expression? What if we used J-Cloths that we washed and hung around the house to dry?

Trust me, tampons and other feminine hygiene products improve *everyone's* life.

Feminine products are already expensive; putting a tax on them adds insult to what kind of looks like an injury.

If you're still wondering why you should care about this, think back to my tax on toilet paper example — is a square of two-ply really a "luxury"? Well, maybe Charmin is — so soft!

Jump on this No Tax on Tampons petition and should it succeed, use it as a way to get the tax off the T.P., too! We all wipe and we all need uteruses, whether they're in your body or someone else's.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca\_kohler

## Happy face/Sad face

From spitting to swearing, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



### HORKING HOCKEY PLAYERS

A hockey arena in Terrace, B.C., has cancelled drop-in adult games for the rest of the season because some players refused to stop spitting in the penalty box and on the benches. Parents whose kids play at the arena were grossed out and complained.



### NO MORE 'FEELING FAT' UPDATES

Kudos to activists for successfully petitioning Facebook to remove the feeling "fat" option from its drop-down menu, and a pat on the back to the all-powerful corporation for listening to the plebs. Hopefully newsfeeds everywhere will also see a decrease in "thinspiration" photos, itemized lists of everything a friend ate that day and, it almost goes without saying, instagrammed dinner shots.



### WHAT NOT TO WEAR: PMO EDITION

Our dear leader is facing some major backlash over comments he made about face coverings. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that "most Canadians" find wearing a face veil during citizenship ceremonies to be "offensive" and added that the niqab is "rooted in a culture that is anti-women." Hey, Harper: If you think Muslim women shouldn't be told what to wear than maybe you should, y'know, not tell them what to wear.



### SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT: SET FOR LIFE

A small-town Nova Scotia man who just won Atlantic Lottery's Set For Life already knows what he's going to do with his cheque: Buy a new set of false teeth. James Hanlon opted for a lump sum rather than \$1,000 a week for 25 years. He'll be taking home an impressive \$675,000. The handyman also says he has no plans to retire.



### TIME FOR ANOTHER FOOTLOOSE REMAKE

Apparently the town of Taber, Alta. has never heard of the Charter of Rights. Its city council recently passed a bylaw that bans swearing in public, which brings a fine of up to \$250. Kids and teens must now abide by an 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew. And officers now have the discretion to break up assemblies of three or more people in public spaces. Kevin Bacon, we need you up here!



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# Making a fairy tale come true

**Interview.** Building Cinderella's glass slipper was a formidable task, even for an Oscar-winning costume designer

"How do you do a glass shoe?"

It sounds like a question from an age-old nursery rhyme, but was actually a real problem for Sandy Powell, the Academy Award-winning costume designer of the new live-action version of Cinderella.

Powell, whose Oscars for Shakespeare in Love, The Aviator and The Young Victoria decorate her mantle, gave me a sneak peek at the unique shoes given to Cinderella (played by Downton Abbey's Lily James) by her Fairy Godmother months in advance of this weekend's opening.

"The glass slipper had nothing to do with any shoemakers because it is made of crystal," Powell explained.

Working with Swarovski, she designed the shoe, complete with a six-inch heel and 221 facets with their light-reflecting Crystal Blue Aurora Borealis coating, out of solid crystal.

"No one can actually put their foot in that," she says.

"It's a prop. In effect I was designing a prop that gets held and gets tried on but for her (to walk in) we made another shoe that was the same shape, in leather, that she could wear and then the visual effects (transformed it to) the glass on her foot.



For the film, Cinderella's glass slipper had a six-inch heel. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

**RICHARD CROUSE**



"The glass shoe was the biggest challenge to do.

"How do you do a glass shoe that doesn't look ugly and huge?"

"Hopefully I have done it. It had to sparkle. And rather than it be made up of lots of little crystals, I thought it would be brilliant if we could make

it out of one piece of crystal. We didn't know if that would be possible.

"We spoke to Swarovski very early on and I thought it should be like a faceted, cut piece of crystal and that's what we worked on, which took several months.

"They didn't even know if they could do it.

Richard's ratings

Cinderella

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Run All Night

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The Cobbler

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"We didn't know if it was going to be possible until the first one came hot off the press."

Eight crystal shoes were made, but in order to save time and money, there was no left or right foot, just neutral, according to Powell.

"No one is going to notice," she says. "Doing a pair would have taken twice as long and we never see two at the same time."

Working with Disney to bring Cinderella to life brings Powell full circle back to the movie that set her on her career path.

She cites the Mouse House's Mary Poppins as an early influence, adding,

"I've always been inspired by clothes and I have always loved films."

These days, 40 movies and three Oscars later, Powell is still finding plenty of passion in her work.

"I love it.

"It gives me great satisfaction," she says.

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## Play adaptation. Miss Julie character drives Jessica Chastain to edge



Jessica Chastain in Miss Julie. CONTRIBUTED

It was the last day of rehearsal before cameras rolled on the film Miss Julie and Jessica Chastain couldn't go on.

Getting into the mindset of the melancholic title character was taking its toll on the two-time Oscar nominee. Director Liv Ullmann decided not to make her go through rehearsal for a particularly agonizing scene involving a pet bird.

"I came into rehearsal and I was feeling really depressed and down," Chastain recalled in a telephone interview. "Liv saw that, and the incredible thing about working with a director as sensitive as she is, is then she goes, 'You know what? Let's stop.'"

"That, I was very grateful for."

Ullmann, known as one of Swedish director Ingmar Bergman's actress muses, adapted the story from the 1888 August Strindberg play.

Chastain, 37, plays the daughter of an Anglo-Irish aristocrat who instigates an emotionally draining battle of power and intimacy with a valet named John (Colin Farrell) at their estate while her father is away.

### Tweeting redheads

This week, Twitter brought Chastain into contact with one of her favourite 1980s pop stars — fellow redhead Tiffany.

- "That was crazy," she said. "She tweeted me that she was a fan of my work, which is insane, especially since I think that's the first record I ever had."

- "I used to lip sync her songs in the mirror. I was like, 'A redhead singer! I was all about it.'"

Chastain said Miss Julie is one of her favourite plays and she studied it at the Juilliard School in New York City.

The result is yet another critically heralded performance from Chastain, who got Oscar nominations for her supporting role in 2011's *The Help* and for her leading role in 2013's *Zero Dark Thirty*.

Miss Julie hits theatres on Friday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Disney gives Lily James the slipper and Downton star finesses the fit

### Fairy-tale remake.

Actress dishes on how reading for the stepsister turned into her Cinderella moment



RICHARD CROUSE  
Metro

The glass slipper fitting on Cinderella's foot is at the core of the magic of the fairy tale. It is a plot point that cannot be removed. If you do the whole story falls apart.

Real life is different.

Lily James, star of the new Disney live-action remake of the Brothers Grimm tale, says the Swarovski slipper she "wears" in the film didn't fit.

"That is my English humour," she says. "It didn't fit anyone. It wasn't that they just got the size wrong. It's Swarovski Crystal so it would have broken. They had to CGI it onto my foot, which was a bit of a shame."

The *Downton Abbey* star — she plays the rebellious Lady Rose on the hit show — is about to have her name intrinsically connected with the Disney princess, but at the audition she had her eye on another role.

"When you get the casting call for something they pick what part you're going to go for and they wanted me for (stepsister) Anastasia," she says. "I remember I wore this pink tie-dyed jumper that the casting director told me to burn. But I had blonde hair because of *Downton* and they said I should read for Ella."



Lily James stars in Disney's new live-action Cinderella. GETTY IMAGES

### First-sight butterflies

Her first day on set she shot one of the film's key scenes, the "love-at-first-sight" meeting between Cinderella and Prince Charming, played by *Game of Thrones* actor Richard Madden.

- "Ken said, 'How do you feel about shooting that scene first?' Richard and I didn't really know each other and Ken caught that nervous energy, that getting-to-know-you, butterflies-in-your-stomach thing."

- "He caught it on camera and I think that was smart. It kind of sets up the whole movie. It feels in that moment that Ella is very strong."

"I was kind of up for playing the off-centre part; the quirkiest, funnier part. I paced the corridor for about 20 minutes and the breakdown of the part that Ken (Branagh) had given me kind of struck me. It said she had a generous spirit and a generous nature and an open heart and I think because I didn't have time to overthink I just went in and just read it. I think I was much better for it."

So how will *Downton Abbey* fans react to seeing her familiar face as Cinderella?

"I hope lovingly," she laughs. "I didn't think there were many similarities, but some people have said they think are. I watched the film and in the first scene I thought, 'Oh no! I'm playing Rose.' Then thankfully I shed it."



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### Sci-Fi & Fantasy/Romance



#### Cinderella

Director. Kenneth Branagh

Stars. Lily James, Cate Blanchett

Cate Blanchett stars in this new vision of the Cinderella tale from director Kenneth Branagh and the screenwriting team of Chris Weitz and Aline Brosh McKenna for Disney Pictures.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**  
Critics: 🍅 88% Audience: + 98%

### Documentary



#### The Hunting Ground

Director. Kirby Dick

Stars. Diane Rosenfeld

From the team behind The Invisible War, comes a startling exposé of rape crimes on U.S. campuses, institutional cover-ups and the brutal social toll on victims and their families. Weaving together verité footage and first-person testimonies, the film follows survivors as they pursue their education while fighting for justice.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**  
Critics: 🍅 87% Audience: 🍿 71%

### Mystery/Suspense



#### Run All Night

Director. Jaume Collet-Serra

Stars. Liam Neeson, Natalie Martinez

Liam Neeson reunites with Unknown director Jaume Collet-Serra for this Warner Bros. thriller following a mob hit-man and his estranged son (Joel Kinnaman) as they flee the wrath of a vengeful crime boss.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**  
Critics: 🍌 50% Audience: + 92%

### Comedy



#### Unfinished Business

Director. Ken Scott

Stars. Vince Vaughn, Dave Franco

A hard-working small business owner (Vince Vaughn) and his two associates (Tom Wilkinson, Dave Franco) travel to Europe to close the most important deal of their lives. But what began as a routine business trip goes off the rails in every way.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**  
Critics: 🍌 12% Audience: 🍿 33%

### Action & Adventure



#### Chappie

Director. Neill Blomkamp

Stars. Hugh Jackman, Sharlto Copley

In the near future, crime is patrolled by an oppressive mechanized police force. But now, the people are fighting back. When one police droid, Chappie, is stolen and given new programming, he becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel for himself.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**  
Critics: 🍌 30% Audience: + 94%

### Drama/Comedy



#### Focus

Director. John Requa, Glenn Ficarra

Stars. Will Smith, Rodrigo Santoro

A con artist (Will Smith) takes on an inexperienced apprentice in this crime comedy from the filmmaking duo behind Crazy Stupid Love: Glenn Ficarra and John Requa.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**  
Critics: 🍌 55% Audience: 🍿 62%

## Movies. Julie Andrews proud of Gaga

Julie Andrews says she's always been a fan of Lady Gaga, but after seeing the pop star perform a medley of songs from The Sound of Music at the Oscars, the stage and screen icon developed a new appreciation for the singer.

"She was just belting it out of the park, and I was so pleased and so proud, and I thought she did a wonderful job," Andrews said in a recent phone interview from New York.

If Gaga had doubts about her performance, they quickly dissipated as she was enveloped by rapturous applause — and a warm embrace from Andrews.



Julie Andrews and Lady Gaga.  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I just said to her: 'You were terrific. You were marvellous,'" Andrews recalled of the tender moment. "Doing it meant a great deal to her because she says it was one of the hardest

things she's ever done. She was understandably nervous, but she was so generous about it. And that's the first time I met her face-to-face. I'd been a fan, and now I've found a new friend."

The Sound of Music has been rebooted in recent years for both stage and television. But for legions of fans, Andrews' portrayal of Maria — a young nun who becomes governess to an Austrian widower's seven children — remains the definitive performance of the beloved Oscar-winning musical, which premiered in 1965.

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# Naomi Watts says joining Divergent sequel was 'a scary'

**Movies.** Veteran actress says a warm welcome by the young Insurgent cast calmed her fears

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Joining an established franchise the second movie in can be daunting even for the most experienced of actresses, and for Naomi Watts becoming a part of The Divergent Series: Insurgent was no exception.

"That can always be scary, the first day. When I arrived on the set, it was a little scary because this is a very well-oiled machine," Watts says. "I was just wildly impressed

with how things were going and how fast they were moving and how disciplined all of these young actors were. When there's that many people, you can sometimes sense a little rivalry here, a few issues there, but they felt very connected and very collaborative."

The centre of that warm fuzziness, apparently, was series star Shailene Woodley. "I

remember when I first met Shailene I was just enveloped in this giant hug," Watts recalls. "It felt so warm and just relaxed me right away."

Watts co-stars as Evelyn, estranged mother of Four (Theo James) and leader of the outcast Factionless in the dystopian future of the Divergent world, but as an actress she honestly thought her action-packed days were behind her.



Naomi Watts as Four's estranged mom in Insurgent. CONTRIBUTED

"I remember back in the day, when I was sort of at the very end of my ingenue days, being in King Kong and having to do quite a lot of physical stuff, making the promise to myself that I would never do that again," she says with a laugh. "But now I'm an older woman — or a much more mature woman — and I don't have to do quite what Shailene has to go through. But we'll see about that for the next movie."

But while the action wasn't too involving for her — this go round, at least — there were some aspects to Evelyn that were tough to connect with, like the fact that she abandoned her son when he was very young.

"That one was very hard to reconcile," Watts admits. But we know that she was going through something that she felt was life-threatening and

a great deal of abuse, and that was a survival choice that she had to make. But I couldn't imagine that anything could be so bad that my children would be left, but this is the world of storytelling."

Of course, while the Divergent franchise has been up and running already, Watts sees this as just the beginning for Evelyn. "It's a fun character because that's a complex thing to take on, the regret. But she's got drive, and she wants to fix the relationship, genuinely, I do think that," she says. "Perhaps there's something else going on as well, like she knows that both of (Woodley's and James') characters are going to help her achieve things. So it's hard to establish what her motives are in this movie. We've obviously explore that more in the next movie."

## Insurgent. Theo James' awkward Four-letter word for onscreen mom: 'Babe'

Theo James has faced a lot of acting challenges over the course of his career, but nothing comes close to what he had to contend with once Naomi Watts was cast as his mother in



Theo James  
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Insurgent, the followup to Divergent. And it's not just their 16-year age difference.

"Firstly — which is interesting because she's playing my mom — she's a bit of a babe. I had to get past that," James admits. "But no, she's really interesting in this film because she has a very different energy. She's very calculating, but at the same time she has a warmth and a kind of gentleness that almost juxtaposes what her real ambition is."

"It was kind of nice, that, in a way because it puts you on the back foot not only as the audience but as the character when you're doing the scenes with her. She's not staring you down in a kind of abrasive way. It's very loving and sweet but intense at the same time." NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

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# When success delivers you a knock-out punch

**Interview.** Ex boxer Evander Holyfield holds no punches as he talks about his rise and fall and rise again in the world of professional sport

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Twenty years ago, Evander Holyfield was one of the baddest (and richest) dudes to ever grace the canvas of a boxing ring. A world-class pugilist who fought his way up from poverty, 'The Real Deal' had a killer knockout punch, and a bank account to match.

Fast-forward just a few years later, and this venerable practitioner of the Sweet Science was losing the fight against a different kind of opponent: rampant, unrestrained success.

Champs, a new documentary from filmmaker Bert Marcus (How to Make Money Selling Drugs), chronicles the out-of-the-ring financial and personal struggles of prize fighting legends Holyfield, Mike Tyson and Bernard Hopkins. It's the story of how money mismanagement and personal problems left some of boxing's biggest names down for the count.

So just how do you go from being a \$200-million king of the ring to broke? Metro spoke with The Real Deal to do a little verbal sparring and find out.

"I had a contract which allowed me to make \$50,000 in my first (professional) fight," says Holyfield, "which was humungous because I was making \$8,000 a year, with three jobs. And so here I am, a person who fought for 12 years as an amateur for free. Now I'm getting paid to do something that I love doing already."

That was just the beginning.

At the height of his career, Holyfield's biggest fights were grossing anywhere from \$77 to \$100 million. He reportedly earned \$35 million for his rematch with Tyson (the infamous Bite Fight) alone.

"Having the money, and not knowing when to say 'no,'" he says, was the prob-



**Champs, a new documentary released today digitally on iTunes, chronicles the out-of-the-ring financial and personal struggles of prize fighting legends.** CONTRIBUTED

lem.

"Of course when I made all this money ... I wanted everybody to do well. I was willing to do what is necessary to help everybody."

With a generous heart, deep pockets and little knowledge of finance, Holyfield's millions didn't go the distance.

"My mother said, 'Son, you cannot make nobody rich. You can give them an opportunity to be rich, but they got to do the work — or you'll go broke.' And unfortunately, you know what, that's what happened."

In 2012, Holyfield

was forced to sell his 44,234-square-foot mansion and auction off some of his most prized possessions, including memorabilia from his 1984 Olympic bronze medal win, many of his championship title belts, and an array of fight-used robes and gloves.

In the end, the one thing he was able to keep, says Holyfield, was his positive attitude.

"I didn't let people change me from the attitude I had towards people."

"I had to think back to what I was brought up on and the word of God. And the only thing that I had to build my faith on was that the second

half of my life would be better than my first half."

Holyfield continued to fight professionally until last year, when he officially retired at age 51. Nowadays, The Real Deal makes a living from paid speaking engagements.

What keeps him going through it all? More advice from mom:

"She said, 'Son, if you're willing to work eight hours, then you have the opportunity to be your own man for the next 16 hours. But if you don't work the eight hours, somebody else is going to be telling you what to do for the next 16 hours.'"

**Mayweather vs. Pacquiao**



## Holyfield's take on the 'Fight of the Century'

What does the five-time heavyweight champion think about the upcoming match between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao?

"I think it's going to be an excellent fight. I really do."

And it's likely to go the distance, he says. No knockouts. "Both the guys are clever fighters, and one of them is a defensive fighter, which is Floyd." Holyfield adds, "The fact of the matter is, I think it'll be that chess match, that ultimate chess match. Unless somebody gets careless." **COLIN MCNEIL/METRO**

**Show them the money**

The May 2 fight is expected to be the richest fight in boxing history.

- MGM Garden tickets will range from \$1,500 in upper seats to \$7,500 ringside.
- The pay-per-view price hasn't been announced but it's expected to be in the \$90 to \$100 range.



## Sequels. Disney divulges details about Star Wars and Frozen followups

Let it go (on)!

The Walt Disney Co. on Thursday announced plans to make a sequel to the animated mega-hit Frozen, and revealed new details about the upcoming Star Wars reboot.

Frozen 2 had been widely expected for a film that has become a juggernaut for Disney. Since its release in November 2013, it has made nearly \$1.3 billion globally at the box office, generated a massive merchandising revenue stream and won the Academy Award for best animated feature.

Disney didn't announce any details on the sequel's plot or a release date, but said directors Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck will be returning.

Disney chairman and CEO Bob Iger also announced at the shareholder meeting that new Star Wars film will be called Rogue One and will be directed by Gareth Edwards (Godzilla).

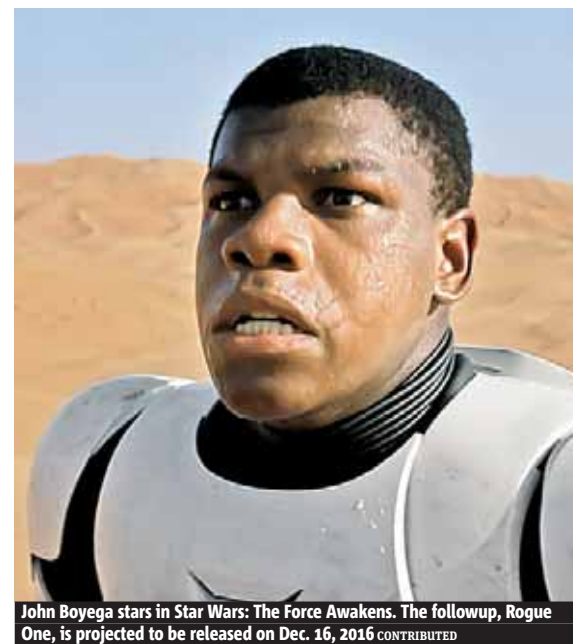
The script will be written by Oscar-nominated Chris Weitz (About a Boy) and will feature Oscar-nominated actress Felicity Jones (The Theory of Everything).

Rogue One will be the first film of the Star Wars Franchise to explore stories outside the primary Star Wars epic.

Initial filming is set to begin this summer in London.

The film's projected release date is Dec. 16, 2016.

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**John Boyega stars in Star Wars: The Force Awakens. The followup, Rogue One, is projected to be released on Dec. 16, 2016** CONTRIBUTED

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# Take it from Alanis, she oughta know

**Interview.** 20 years after Jagged Little Pill, the introspective songwriter reflects on her career

Alanis Morissette made her Junos debut back in 1992, wearing buoyant ringlets, a bejewelled off-the-shoulder dress, and the dumbstruck expression of a 17-year-old leaping blindly into the glare of the spotlight. She was dressed in the disguise of a dance-pop featherweight, which ultimately didn't fit.

But at least the dress did. "Not unlike most brides around the planet, I put all my stress into what dress I would wear," Morissette recalled with a laugh recently, marvelling at the "absolutely terrifying" event.

"I just remember being really nervous and over the moon about the fact that I held eye contact with Bryan Adams for longer than one millisecond."

The award she was given that night — most promising female vocalist — turned out to be prescient. 23 years later, Morissette is being ushered into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame after a distinguished — and ongoing! — career

that has spanned more than 60 million albums sold, seven Grammys and 12 Junos.

Days before Morissette was to receive the honour and perform at this weekend's Juno Awards, the 40-year-old spoke about her career from her home in Brentwood, Calif.

**What does this honour mean to you?**

Mostly it's just me coming into the arms of Canada. I'm Canadian to the bone. To be honoured by Canadians is precious to me.

**It's the 20th anniversary of Jagged Little Pill and you're adapting it into a musical. What sort of emotions does that album evoke for you?**

There's a continuity there that has remained true for two decades straight, which is just social commentary, eating disorder commentary, embracing emotions, flying in the face of what's expected. So many of these themes ... seem timeless in a way, which is lovely. It's not the kind of record that I would discourage a 15-year-old from listening to. It's quite the opposite.

**You won five Junos in 1996 and in acceptance discussed**

**how an artist's growth occurs in public. Was all the attention a lot to bear?**

It was. It was a lot of pressure and I hated it. So to take some of the intensity away, I wrote Uninvited (for the City of Angels soundtrack in 1998). That was really not encouraged by my record company. They wanted me to take all that white-hot heat and put it into the followup for Jagged Little Pill.

But I was buckling under that pressure and I didn't want to write. I was super burnt-out from touring and had I not succumbed to any of the pressure, who knows, I might have been the artist who writes a record every 10 years.

**So you were never infatuated with fame?**

I was definitely intrigued. I was sold the same bill of goods that the planet has been sold, which is that when you're famous, you're Kumbaya-ing with Meryl Streep and Johnny Depp is petting your head while you sit around a fire (laughs). So when I entered into that whole celebrity fray, it was actually quite isolating. I swear I walk around with a whiteboard upon which people can project their hatred toward their mother and their former boss and their sister and their ex-girlfriend. It's a lot to hold.

**You said making your last album (2012's Havoc and Bright Lights) was painstaking. Will you make more**



Alanis Morissette will be ushered into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame at the 2015 Juno Awards. GETTY IMAGES

**music?**

Well, right now I'm actually working on a book, which is great. Because the literary world, they're obsessed with credibility. I find as we get older, we become more and more credible, or we're perceived as credible.

(But) I'll write music until I'm dead. And maybe after, who knows? I'll channel through some young, unsuspecting artist.

**Not all hall of fame inductees choose to perform. How do you think you'll feel**

**up there?**

To be honest, any excuse to be around my bandmates — I just love them so much. I have a four-year-old now (son Ever), so we're not touring at the breakneck speed we used to. This'll be really fun for us. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Quoted

"I swear I walk around with a whiteboard upon which people can project their hatred toward their mother and their former boss and their sister and their ex-girlfriend."

Alanis Morissette on the isolating side of her celebrity



## June 1, 1974

Alanis Morissette and twin sibling Wade were born in Ottawa. Morissette took an interest in music, songwriting and performing at an early age. At age 10, she recorded her first song, and in 1986 she joined the cast of the Canadian kids sketch comedy TV series You Can't Do That on Television.



## 2000-present

Morissette has since released several albums, including Under Rug Swept, So-Called Chaos, Flavors of Entanglement and Havoc and Bright Lights. She also infamously hosted the Junos in a nude body suit.



## Early 1990s

Morissette released her debut album, Alanis, in Canada in 1991. The dance-pop project had the single Too Hot, which reached the Top 20 on the singles chart. The next year she released another album in Canada, Now is the Time.



## Acting

In the 1999 comedy film Dogma Morissette appeared as God, a role she reprised for a cameo in 2001's Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back. Her other acting credits include Sex and the City and Curb Your Enthusiasm.



## Late 1990s

After moving to Los Angeles, Morissette got her big breakthrough with the release of 1995's Jagged Little Pill. It was an alt-rock project of deeply personal hits. She followed it up with the equally personal but less angsty album Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie.



## Personal life

Morissette was engaged to actor Ryan Reynolds in the 2000s, but they eventually split. In 2010, she married rapper Mario (Souleye) Treadway and the same year they had their son, Ever.





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## Appreciating Guinness



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# Bring the Spice Route to your kitchen

**Dinner.** This Chicken Tikka recipe was inspired by the staple flavours of India



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Want to delve a little deeper into exotic flavours? Add this takeout favourite to your to-make list.

### Ingredients

#### Garam Masala

- 1 tsp green cardamom, opened (retain only the small beads inside)
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 1 tsp black peppercorns
- 1 tsp whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick or 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

#### Marinade

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tbsp garam masala
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon zest
- 1 tbsp fresh ginger, grated
- 1 tsp salt
- 12 skinless and boneless chicken thighs or 6 skinless and boneless chicken breasts



This recipe serves eight. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

You can also prepare the Chicken Tikka on skewers. To do this, cut the chicken into small pieces before marinating. Soak wooden skewers in water for 15 minutes before you thread the pieces of chicken. Grill or bake for about 10 minutes in the middle of a 400 F (200 C) oven.

#### Garam Masala

1. In a large skillet, toast the

spices over high heat for 1 minute. Let cool, then finely grind with a mortar or a coffee grinder. Set aside.

#### Marinade

1. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients. Place the chicken in the marinade and coat well. Allow to marinate in the refrigerator for 5 hours.

2. Preheat grill to medium heat

or the oven to 400 F (200 C).

3. Lightly score the skin of each piece of chicken with a sharp knife. Grill or bake in the middle of the oven for about 25 minutes, turning chicken occasionally, until cooked and lightly browned. FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.

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# V-Reds revved up to open Cup

**CIS hockey.** University Cup helping Halifax position itself as 'hockey hosting capital again'



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For Cam Critchlow, there's something "special" about hitting Halifax ice.

The 23-year-old forward from Fredericton notched a short-handed marker in the first to kick off scoring Thursday night, and help lead the UNB Varsity Reds to a 6-2 win over the Windsor Lancers in quarter-final action at the 2015 CIS University Cup.

He returns to the Scotiabank Centre this week for the CIS championship three years after captaining the Halifax Mooseheads in his sixth and final season in the Q-league.

"Being a kid in the Maritimes, any time you get a chance to play in the Metro Centre, now the Scotiabank Centre, is always a privilege," Critchlow said after Thursday's win.

"I was lucky enough to play my last year of junior year," he said. "It's a special building, and we certainly get a great atmosphere."

University Cup organizers have landed the event for two straight years in Halifax, with the St. Francis Xavier X-Men hosting this year and the Saint Mary's Huskies hosting next year. They hope that positive experience rubs off on fans and players alike.

"We felt that by hosting the national championship here in Halifax, we would help elevate the AUS brand to a higher level," event general manager Chris Larsen said.

"So people in this city can understand truly how good the calibre of this hockey is."

Varsity Reds forward Cam Braes scored four, with Chris Caissy capping it off on the empty net. For the Lancers, Drew Palmer scored in the second before assisting Spencer Pommells on a power-play goal in the third.

Close to 3,100 fans came out to the Scotiabank Centre for Thursday evening's game.

Earlier Thursday, the Guelph Gryphons beat the Calgary Dinos 3-2 in the first



Guelph Gryphons forward Scott Simmonds smashes into Calgary Dinos forward Elgin Pearce during quarter-final action Thursday at the CIS University Cup, running through Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

quarter-final, which drew more than 3,700 spectators.

Critchlow isn't the only former Herd member or CHL

player on his team, let alone on the other seven teams facing off at the University Cup, which concludes Sunday.

"This helps Halifax position itself as a hockey hosting capital again," Larsen said.



Dalhousie's Sven Stammberger shoots on Victoria's Mack Roth on Thursday in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## CIS basketball. Haligonians ousted

Halifax's national hoop hopes were dashed Thursday.

The Dalhousie Tigers were edged 57-56 by the Victoria Vikes in quarter-final action at the CIS men's basketball Final 8 at Ryerson University in Toronto, while the Saint Mary's Huskies dropped a 67-59 decision to the McGill Martlets in their quarter-final at the CIS women's basketball Final 8 at Laval University in Quebec City.

For the Dalhousie men, a

foul with six seconds left cost them a semifinal berth.

"The real difference in the game was our poor free throw shooting," Tigers head coach Rick Plato said Thursday night.

"They were eight for nine from the free throw line, we were six for 17," he said. "In a one-point game, that's pretty much the telltale sign."

Nevertheless, Plato said he "couldn't be prouder of the boys."

"The guys worked really,

really hard."

Forward Kashrell Lawrence led Dalhousie with 21 points and eight rebounds, while Sven Stammberger added 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Tigers tip off in a consolation semifinal against the Saskatchewan Huskies at 2 p.m. ET today.

"We're coming out to win," Plato said.

The Saint Mary's women also play in a consolation game at 6 p.m. Friday. **METRO**

### Women's hockey

#### Saulnier named to Team Canada

Halifax native Jillian Saulnier is heading to Malmö, Sweden, for the 2015 IIHF women's world championship.

The final roster was announced Thursday, making the 23-year-old forward the first Nova Scotian to join Canada's national women's team contingent for senior worlds, which runs March 28 to April 4. **METRO**

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4 SPORTS



# The Canadian Blue Jays

The Blue Jays have five Canadian-born players in training camp, the most in recent memory. Here's an update of the Canadians in camp after nine games.

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**Michael Saunders**

**Number:** 21  
**Age:** 28  
**Bats/Throws:** Switch/Right  
**2014 stats (Seattle):** .273, 8 HR, 34 RBI (78 games)  
**Skinny:** Recovering from freak knee injury in first week of camp but hopeful to be back on field this week, ahead of expectations.

**Russell Martin**

**Number:** 55  
**Age:** 32  
**Bats/Throws:** Right/Right  
**2014 stats:** .290, 11 HR, 67 RBI  
**Skinny:** Work in progress catching knuckleballer R.A. Dickey, but had an excellent first outing with Marcus Stroman on Monday.



**Andrew Albers**

**Number:** 67  
**Age:** 29  
**Throws:** Left  
**2014 stats (Hanwha, Korean Baseball Organization):** 6-13, 5.89  
**Skinny:** Two decent outings so far, but not an overpowering thrower. Was reassigned to the team's minor-league camp on Thursday.

**Dalton Pompey**

**Number:** 45  
**Age:** 22  
**Bats/Throws:** Switch/Right  
**2014 stats:** .231, 1 HR, 4 RBI (17 games)  
**Skinny:** Competing for outfield job and has shown strong plate discipline; has batted second the past two days.



**Jeff Francis**

**Number:** 35  
**Age:** 34  
**Throws:** Left  
**2014 stats (Reds, A's, Yankees):** 1-2, 5.85  
**Skinny:** Obvious veteran poise and presence; long-shot for pen job, solid depth guy out of Buffalo if he doesn't make opening roster.

## Spring training

### Rays rock Estrada for seven runs

Tampa Bay opening-day starter Alex Cobb had a tough outing, but the Rays had their best offensive showing of spring training Thursday in a 10-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Steve Souza Jr. and Logan Forsythe homered during an eight-run fifth inning for the Rays, who trailed 3-0 and had not scored more than five runs in a game until breaking through against right-hander Marco Estrada.

Blue Jays starter Mark Buerhle was impressive, allowing two hits and striking out two in 3-1/3 scoreless innings in his second spring appearance. Estrada yielded seven runs and seven hits in two-thirds of an inning, including Souza's solo homer.

Cobb, meanwhile, failed to get through three innings, giving up three runs in 2-1/3 innings.

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## NHL. Hammond stays hot in goal for Senators

Erik Karlsson scored twice and goalie Andrew Hammond remained unbeaten in regulation time as the Ottawa Senators downed the Montreal Canadiens 5-2 on Thursday night.

Eric Condra, Mark Stone and Marc Methot also scored for Ottawa (31-24-11), which has won nine of 11 games to keep its playoff hopes alive. Hammond is 8-0-1 during that stretch.

Max Pacioretty scored twice for Montreal (42-19-7),

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The Canadiens have allowed the fewest goals in the NHL and conceded five for the first time since Nov. 23.

which has one win in its last four games.

Montreal outshot Ottawa 29-28. The Senators improved to 3-1-0 against the Canadiens this season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Junior hockey. McDavid shifts focus to playoffs

Connor McDavid shrugged off an injury scare and the end of his 27-game point streak. His focus is already on the OHL playoffs.

McDavid took a puck to his right hand, the same one he broke in November, and was held scoreless Wednesday night in the Erie Otters' 3-0 victory over the Niagara IceDogs.

After icing his hand on the bench and not missing a shift, McDavid practised Thursday and described it as "a little

### Racking up the points

**58**

During his 27-game point streak, McDavid had 26 goals and 32 assists (58 points)

sore, but all right." Coach Kris Knoblauch said McDavid looked to be showing no ill effects on the ice.

The Otters start the playoffs in two weeks.

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## Freestyle skiing. Sharpe, Riddle win halfpipe golds

Cassie Sharpe won her first career World Cup women's halfpipe event Thursday and Canadian teammate Mike Riddle took top spot in the men's competition.

Sharpe, from Comox, finished first with a score of 93.80. Ayana Onozuka of Japan was second at 90.40 while Brita Sigourney was third at 86.40.

Riddle, from Edmonton, captured the men's gold with 95.00 points. Americans David Wise (94.20) and Alex Ferreira



**Mike Riddle had his first podium appearance since winning silver last year at the Sochi Olympics.**

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(87.40) took silver and bronze, respectively. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Where there's a Will, there's a charity payday

**Hollywood meets MLB.** Anchorman star Ferrell played five spring training games for 10 teams to raise money for cancer sufferers

Telling everyone "I'm a five-tool guy," Will Ferrell was off on his barnstorming tour Thursday through five Arizona spring training games.

Wearing No. 19, first for Oakland and then for visiting Seattle, the star of Anchorman, Elf and many other movies played shortstop for the Athletics in the top of the first inning, then second base for the Mariners in the top of the second. He was enthusiastic, but alas, no ball was hit to him.

As he left, he gave a fan in an elf costume a long hug, then was off with a police escort, lights flashing, to a waiting helicopter

and a flight to stop No. 2 in Tempe, where the Chicago Cubs were facing the team he rooted for growing up, the Los Angeles Angels. The comedian planned to play for 10 teams at five spring training games, playing every position along the way.

Before his odyssey began, he told a radio interviewer that he expected to raise \$1 million to be used for college scholarships for cancer survivors. The entire

blitz was being chronicled by HBO for an upcoming special.

And Ferrell had his usual (false) bravado on display.

In the A's clubhouse before the game, he told shortstop Marcus Semien, "I could catch fire today and you could be on a bus back to Triple-A."

In his interview on MLB radio, he said "I'm actually hoping that my acting career is over after today."

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Athletics third basemen Brett Lawrie, from Langley, B.C., runs off the field with actor Will Ferrell. MATT YORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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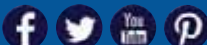
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### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

The universe is pointing you in a particular direction and if you are smart you will go that way. Being an Aries you are as likely to go in the opposite direction just to be different.

#### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

What you expect to happen today and over the weekend likely won't, while what you don't expect to happen likely will. So, don't make plans.

#### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

Mercury, planet of the mind, moves into the career area of your chart today and that means the more you think ahead the more success you will enjoy later in the year.

#### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

You have strong opinions about certain issues and today's events will confirm they are spot on. But don't use that as an excuse not to look at new ideas, because life never stands still.

#### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Flattery will get you everywhere today. You know the right thing to say to influence people in positions of power.

#### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

What you say next is not as important as the way you say it. You may intend your remarks to be helpful but if your words are harsh others may think you are being critical for no reason.

#### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Common sense should tell you that certain methods are not working as well as they should and what happens over the next few days will confirm that.

#### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Mercury moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making it easy for you to make changes you want to make, as opposed to changes that others want you to make.

#### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

What you choose to do today may annoy some but don't let that stop you. You have done plenty of things to please them in the past and now you will do something to please yourself.

#### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Others may be impressed by your self-confidence. What they don't know is that it's an act and you don't feel that confident. Mercury's change of signs today will give your self-belief a boost.

#### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Happiness comes from wanting what you have, not having what you want. You have more than enough to satisfy your basic needs. Be thankful.

#### ♓ Pisces

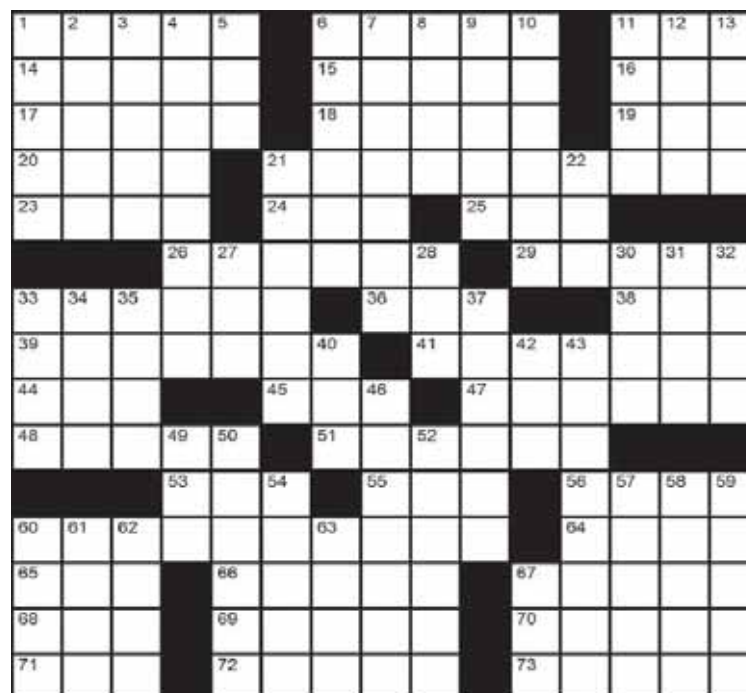
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

Mind planet Mercury moves into your sign today, making it so much easier to decide what it is you want and what you are willing to do to get it.

### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

#### Across

1. What the symbol # means in music
6. Grate
11. Shortened alias signifier
14. "Madagascar" (2005) creature
15. Surface-\_\_\_-\_\_\_ missile
16. Teacup part
17. Winged
18. "There is \_\_\_ in the affairs of men." - Shakespeare
19. Lamb's mommy
20. Accompanying
21. Written by #4-Down, this number one hit song of 1940 is famously sung by #41-Across: "I'll Never \_\_\_"
23. Gardening supply
24. Full amt.
25. Pre-Ford President's monogram
26. Musical compositions
29. Apartment
33. Released the lava!
36. Rich money amt.
38. Hide Hair link
39. "Bye!" in Britain
41. Legendary singer Frank
44. Poet's 'through-out'
45. Little \_\_\_ lot
47. Forbids
48. "It takes \_\_\_ tango."
51. Nova Scotia's



- provincial bird
53. Fountain's filling
  55. Behold
  56. Book leaf side
  60. Nickname for #41-Across: 3 wds.
  64. Approximate calculation
  65. Campaigner, e.g.
  66. Grawl
  67. Clicked-on computer thingies

68. Candle-blower's number
69. Hawk's habitation, variantly
70. Wooden shoe
71. Volume selection
72. Soup alternative
73. Supplications

#### Down

1. Deli side orders
2. Prefix meaning

- 'Sun'
3. Violin of Cremona in Italy
  4. Trailblazing Canadian songwriter (More at #21-Across and #10-Down!): 2 wds.
  5. Before
  6. John of "Full House"
  7. Product flying off

- store shelves: 2 wds.
8. Racetrack fence
  9. Canada's largest duck
  10. Song by #4-Down (co-written with Paul Mann and Stephan Weiss) that #41-Across recorded and which was played at his funeral: "Put Your \_\_\_ Away"

- (For Another Day)"
11. Region
  12. Fuzzy on the outside/Green on the inside fruit
  13. "Indeed!"
  21. Rehearsal spot
  22. Antelope with ox-like horns
  27. For every
  28. Fam. member
  30. Go \_\_\_ detail
  31. Ripped
  32. Chapters in history
  33. Glaswegian
  34. "I'm bushed!"
  35. Architect Mr. Saarinen
  37. Books: French
  40. Gold, in Spain
  42. Before-a-maiden-name word
  43. Not-of-the-average
  46. Ancient empire of Mesopotamia
  49. Poetry contraction
  50. Crosses to bear
  52. Did potato work
  54. Country in Africa
  57. Sun-dried brick
  58. Setting of CBS soap "The Young and the Restless", \_\_\_ City
  59. Wests opposites
  60. Iridescent gem
  61. Company symbol
  62. Gusted
  63. British peer
  67. Web connector, briefly

### Yesterday's Crossword



#### Online

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### Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

#### How to play

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#### Yesterday's Sudoku

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6	3	7	9	1	8	4	5	2
4	5	1	7	2	3	9	8	6
3	4	5	6	7	9	1	2	8
1	7	6	3	8	2	5	4	9
2	9	8	5	4	1	3	6	7
7	8	3	2	5	4	6	9	1
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